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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF

FARMINGTON

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1904.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF FARMINGTON,
FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15,
1904.

FARMINGTON, N. H.
THE NEWS JOB PRINT.
1904

TOWN OFFICERS.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.

SELECTMEN,

FRANK J. SMITH. CHARLES T. FALL,
JOHN I. GRAY.

SUPERVISORS,

LEWIS M. VARNEY, CHARLES F. NUTE,
JAMES W. FOSS.

TREASURER,

GEORGE L. PERKINS,

TOWN CLERK,

GEORGE I. WHITE.

COLLECTOR,

ALVAH H. HANSON.

REPRESENTATIVES,

JOHN TUTTLE, CHARLES F. YORK.

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

CHARLES E. TRIPP, JR, WILLIAM V. WARE,
GEORGE E. DAVIS.

DISTRICT NO. 9 COMMITTEE,

ALBERT GARLAND, ARTHUR H. WIGGIN,
NINA VOSE GREELEY.

POLICE OFFICERS,

ELVIN V. VARNEY,
EDWIN E. PIKE,
JAMES I. EVANS.

AUDITORS.

EDWARD T. WILLSON,
JOHN F. HALL.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

as made by the selectmen for the year 1903.

	Number	Value
Polls	698	\$69,800 00
Horses	415	25,245 00
Asses and mules	1	5 00
Oxen	87	3,965 00
Cows	473	9,725 00
Neat	136	2,322 00
Sheep	153	462 00
Hogs	1	20 00
Carriages	164	6,250 00
Stock in public funds		300 00
Stock in banks		14,380 00
Stock in trade		73,951 00
Money on hand		27,590 00
Mills and machinery		9,600 00
Real estate		884,575 00
Total		<hr/> \$1,128,190 00

TAXES.

ASSESSED FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR 1903.

State tax	\$2,312 00
County tax	3,616 07
School tax	3,264 00
Special tax for school district No 9	1,900 00
“ “ town school district	200 00
Public library tax	163 20
Appropriation for public library	100 00
“ town current expenses	4,500 00
“ Carlton Post, G A R	100 00
“ interest on debt	2,600 00
“ precinct	1,500 00
“ sinking fund	2,000 00
“ Friday Afternoon club	50 00
Overlay	1,042 14
Highway tax	3,949 42
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Total	\$27,296 83
Rate on \$1000 in precinct	\$24 95
“ “ out of precinct	21 70

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Farmington qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said town on the eighth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town expenses for the ensuing year, and to make appropriation for the same.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise upon a poll and other estate in proportion, for the repair of highways for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the interest on the debt of said town, and to make appropriation for the same.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to apply to the sinking fund and how the same shall be invested.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate in aid of the Public Library.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to Carlton Post, G. A. R., to be used for Memorial purposes on May 30, 1904.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire, for the purpose of paying the debt of the town for the year ensuing.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to put on a night watch, if the selectmen deem it necessary.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building concrete sidewalks.

Article 10. (By petition.) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money not less than fifty dollars for the care and improvement of "Edgerly Memorial Park" for the ensuing year; and that said appropriation be intrusted to the Friday Afternoon Club to be expended for said purpose.

Article 11. (By petition.) To see if the town will vote to inclose and improve the "Henry Wilson Monumental Grounds" and raise for this purpose such sum of money as may be necessary. To choose a committee or agent to carry out the provisions of the foregoing article.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expense of observing Old Home Week.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to have prepared a highway map of the town of Farmington if required, in accordance with Chapter 133 of the laws of the state of New Hampshire, passed in January session of 1903.

Article 14. (By petition.) To see if the town will vote to authorize and require the selectmen each year hereafter during the time they are taking the annual inventory to look up and make a special list of all the various tracts of Real Estate situated in said town and located outside of the two highway districts in Farmington village proper, that is owned by persons who reside in either of the two highway districts of the said Farmington Village, or who may reside outside of said town of Farmington, and that the selectmen shall be required annually to assign all of the highway tax derived from said tracts of Real Estate as above specified, to the highway

district where said land is located in said town and that said tax shall be used for the repair and breaking of the highways in the districts where said lands are located.

Article 15. (By petition.) To see if the town will vote to authorize and require the selectmen to appoint Sworn Surveyors in each of the highway districts of said town on or before the first day of May each year annually, who shall be a resident of their respective districts. And that the selectmen shall, as soon as the annual town taxes are assessed furnish each Sworn Surveyor with a book containing the full amount of highway tax assigned by the selectmen to each of the highway districts of said town. And it shall be the duty of each district surveyor to see that the highway tax so assigned shall be judiciously and honestly expended for the repairing and breaking of highways and for no other purpose whatever.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to distribute the blank inventories at the time they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.

Article 17. To choose three selectmen, a town clerk, a town treasurer, and other officers and agents for the year ensuing.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-second day of February, 1904.

FRANK J SMITH,
CHARLES T FALL,
JOHN I GRAY,

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Selectmen
of
Farmington.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FARMINGTON:—

In submitting to you our report for the year ending February 15, 1904, we ask your attention to a few points of special interest, and offer a few suggestions for the ensuing year.

One of the principal items of expenditure in the past year is that relating to repairs upon, and the breaking of the highways, the amount referred to being \$4,661.87, which exceeds the appropriation of \$3,942.42, by \$712.45. This includes, however, the expense of straightening the highway on Central street at a cost of \$455.12, and of straightening Spring street, at a cost of \$36.50. We would say, in connection with this matter, that it would have been impossible to have accomplished the task for less than twice the amount paid had it not been for the kindness of Mrs. James E. Fernald. When we called upon her we found her, as ever, ready to lend a helping hand for the good of the town, which for many years has been her home, in whose welfare she always has taken a sincere interest. She at once consented to give the town the land needed in the improvement mentioned, and also to give the required grading. The latter having been so near at hand, we were able to do the work for the amount named. We take this opportunity, in behalf of the town of Farmington, to thank our estimable townswoman for her generosity.

You will notice that we have expended the sum of \$700.70 for concrete sidewalks. Adding this sum to the cost of straightening highways, we have \$1,192.32. Deducting this amount from the \$3,949.42 raised for highways, left

\$2,757.10 available for general repairs. You will see also, by the report, that in some of the districts the cost of putting the roads in a suitable condition was much more than in other localities.

We believe it to be good policy to extend our concrete sidewalks. They are much more desirable than the old style of walks, and they add much to the attractive appearance of the village, beside being much more for the convenience of the public than were the walks as formerly made.

We still approve and would recommend an appropriation of 40cts on a poll and other property in proportion for highway repairs, and we do not think a smaller amount should be appropriated.

We will say a few words in reference to certain articles in the warrant to be acted upon in the town meeting on March 8, next. Article 1: It has been customary up to last year to raise \$5,000 for current expenses, but for some reason the appropriation was cut down last year to \$4,500. To be sure, it has not cost quite \$5,000 a year to conduct the business of the town, but we hardly think any candid voter would wish to bring a board of selectmen so "close up to the wind", by cutting down appropriations, that no improvements can be made in local conditions.

The law says a town shall furnish a suitable room for a public library, well lighted and heated. It has been questioned, with reference to our library room, if the heating by stove would be regarded as "suitable". In our opinion, it is doubtful if it would be so, and we think the trustees of the library are justified in having found fault with the present manner of providing heat for the room. Had you voted last year to raise the customary sum of \$5,000 for current expenses, undoubtedly we could have supplied a heating apparatus for the purpose referred to, that would be satisfactory. You are not losing money, even if the current expense account does not equal the amount raised, for with the little sums remaining from

your appropriations we have been able to take up notes to the amount of \$1,300 in the past three years, and still have a balance on the right side of the ledger. The floating debt on February 15, 1903, was \$8,250, and you have made no arrangement for paying more than the interest on the same. If you make appropriations as you have done in the past, and if the selectmen prove successful and take up a few notes every year, our floating debt can soon be cancelled. This can be done if appropriations receive proper consideration. Let us take up one matter—that of school money: The sums raised by law, special tax, and from other sources, in the past four years, have been, for 1900, \$7,011.22; 1901, \$7,605.79; 1902, \$8,322.58; 1903, \$8,551.72, showing an increase of \$1,539.81. The amounts noted do not include the expense of books, salaries of school board, truant officer, treasurer etc., and other supplies, which was \$4,244.43. Are our schools costing \$1,539.81 more than in 1900? Have we better schools now than in 1900? If it is not so, a smaller special appropriation would lessen the burden of taxes, somewhat, and would permit of your making the amount raised for current expenses equal to that allowed in other years, \$5,000, thus giving the selectmen more opportunities for rendering to you a satisfactory service. It seems to be the opinion of some, that a board of officers is most successful when it is able to save something from every appropriation, running town affairs as cheaply as possible, and making no improvements for the benefit of the town and the people in general. The present board of selectmen believes in being reasonably economical, yet at the same time thinking it right to expend the appropriations for purposes indicated and to make suitable improvements in the interests of the public, keeping within the limit of the sums allowed. We do not hesitate to say that the improvements we have authorized in the past year hardly can fail of appreciation.

While the other articles in the warrant certainly are worthy of your consideration, we have something to say con-

cerning Articles 14 and 15. We regard these articles as not wisely addressed to a board of selectmen, for insertion in a warrant to be acted upon by the town. Had the ideas thus advanced been embodied in our laws by the legislature, we do not doubt that the selectmen of every town would abide by them. But we do not think you will choose to vote upon any measure or measures, and have such action put on record, when such articles conflict with the laws of the state. Law is meant to be based on common sense. If there is more valuation in any district or districts than in others, and the highway money gained from the latter be insufficient for the need, the selectmen are given the right, by the state, to assign an amount suitable for the repairing of the highway in the lesser district so that it shall compare favorably with the highways of the wealthier districts. The town report shows that in District No. 7 the cost of repairs last year was \$272.90, more money than highway money aggregates in that district in four or five years. The expense was necessary, as the roads were in bad condition. The two village districts contain over two-thirds of the valuation of the town. We raised last year for the highways the sum of \$3,949.42, two-thirds of which is a little more than \$2,600. You would not approve the use of \$2,600 in these two village districts, leaving only about \$1,300 with which to take care of fifty miles of road. It would be an injustice to the town. In all such cases as those mentioned, the law gives to a board of selectmen a certain right of adjustment, and no vote of a town can take away that right. Consequently, Article 14 should be indefinitely postponed.

Article 15: We are not living under the old system of sworn surveyors in every district, with every resident of the district obliged to work out his highway tax. Our system is one of a money tax collected by the tax collector. The law does not require the selectmen to appoint sworn surveyors in every district. The members of a board of selectmen

take their oath to perform all the duties incumbent upon them, to the best of their ability. Should they appoint a surveyor from a certain district, who for some reason could not serve, and others in the district being, in the opinion of the board, not qualified to act in the capacity named, the selectmen have a right to send a surveyor into that district to repair the highway. Article 15 also should be indefinitely postponed. You can not act upon part of an article unless you act upon the article as a whole.

The report of the treasurer shows the town finances to be in quite a satisfactory condition. The decrease in the net debt in the past year is \$3,599.13. Had the town voted the usual appropriation of \$5,000 in place of \$4,500, we would have had the difference "to come and go on," as the saying is. That sum of \$500 added to \$3,599.13 would make the decrease \$4,099.13.

You will see by the report that we have made a change in the system heretofore practiced in determining the condition of the treasury. We regard the account now offered for your consideration as giving a more correct statement of the standing of the town than could be presented under the old system. In the new reckoning we have added together the sums due the precinct, the school district No. 9, and the town school district, Feb. 15, 1903, to the net debt of the same date, \$37,180.16, making a total net debt, Feb. 15, 1903, of \$41,377.74. We now have added the sums due precinct and school districts 9, and town school district, Feb. 15, 1904, to the liabilities, thus presenting a correct statement of present conditions. This seems to us a more desirable system, and one which it would have been wise to adopt when the former plan was taken up. But better late than never.

FRANK J. SMITH,	}	Selectmen of Farmington.
CHARLES T. FALL,		
JOHN I. GRAY,		

REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E T Willson, auditing town accounts for 1901 and 1902	\$ 8 00
Almon Leavitt, labor and supplies . . .	11 10
Lewis M Varney, supervising check list for Mar 11 election	52 50
H P Wheatley, certificate of births and deaths	7 75
E C Perkins, returning certificates of births and deaths	4 00
A S Wallace, repairs on snow plow, etc .	4 77
Anson B Colbath and Frank Mathews, election inspectors May 12	6 00
Alonzo I Nute, election inspector May 12	5 00
C H Pitman, " " "	5 00
Lewis M Varney, supervising check list for May 12	27 50
A S Wallace, repairing sewers and drains	41 94
Edson C Eastman, tax collector's book .	2 05
Geo V Card, burying calf stranded on river bank	2 00
Warren L Gilman, reopening sewers and drains	6 39
A S Wallace, repairs on well owned by John F Perkins, agreement between	

town and Perkins according to deed of	
land bought by the town from him . .	13 60
Fred A Horne, surveying highways . .	2 00
Oscar F Kimball, sprinkling streets 1903	5 00
Willie E Varney, bounty on hedgehog .	25
P H Greeley, returning certificates of	
births and deaths	5 00
Geo E Cochrane, atty, consultation with	
selectmen and Isaac N Blodgett as to	
duty and liability of the town in	
respect to Mad river. Also retainer in	
matter of Felker Bros vs Farmington,	
term fees and drawing answer to bill	
in equity	50 00
H K W Scott, city marshal, Laconia, ex-	
amination of Chas H Miller to deter-	
mine mental condition; also conveying	
him to Concord hospital	19 07
Fred M Leighton, horse hire	1 00
Chas W Marston, machine work from	
Sept 1899 to 1903	3 60
Stephen D Wentworth, treasurer, board	
of prisoners sentenced to Strafford Co	
House of Correction	8 00
Geo L Perkins, salary as treasurer . . .	125 00
Geo I White, " town clerk . .	115 00
" recording births, deaths	
and marriages	25 00
Geo V Card, chairman Board of Health	35 00
Wm M Sanders, Board of Health . .	25 00
Albert A Kelley, " . .	25 00
Geo L Perkins, car fare and postage . .	1 80
Frank J Smith " " . .	6 76
F W Blair, returning certificates of	
births and deaths	4 75

Mason, Lewis & Co, premium and accrued interest on bonds for sinking fund	109 35
Wm F Thayer, labor and supplies . . .	7 81
Frank E Mooney, pipe for sewers and drains	139 48
Frank O Nutter, snow roller	20 00
John Waldron, salary as police judge from Jan 28, 1903 to Jan 28, 1904	100 00
John Waldron, complaints and warrants	29 00
Frank J Smith, salary as selectman 1903	225 00
Chas T Fall, " " "	225 00
John I Gray, " " "	225 00
A H Hanson, tax collector 1902	350 00
E H Thomas, printing	58 45
Total	<hr/> \$2,143 92

OPERA HOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid I P Berry & Son, insurance	\$34 65
C H Pitman, insurance	117 02
Richards & Hayes, edgings	1 00
Frank E Mooney, wood	28 03
Albert Labonte, cleaning out vaults	2 00
Cyrus E York, labor and supplies	26 34
Wm E Fall, repairs	2 39
C W Jenness, edgings and sawdust	4 52
C T Fall, repairs	2 00
C W Holmes, janitor	100 00
Wm F Thayer, water rent	10 00
E T Willson, wood and supplies	59 50
Farmington Gaslight Co	144 44
Total	<hr/> \$531 89

POLICE SERVICE.

Paid John A Brown, special Mar election . . .	\$2 00
Andrew J Canney, special Nov 4, 1902, and Mar election 1903	4 00
Irving L Ham, night watchman	18 00
A A Kelley, special night July 3 and 4th	4 00
Irving L Webster, special night July 3 and 4th	4 00
Ralph A Gibbs, special night July 3, 4th	4 00
Fred A Giles, special night watchman July 3	2 00
E V Varney, state vs Richard Farrell	9 79
" " Henry Smith	9 02
" " Oscar Farrell	9 02
" salary as chief police	100 00
E E Pike, salary as policeman	100 00
James I Evans, policeman	25 00
Walter H Chubbuck, night watchman	4 00
Total	\$294 83

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hollis B Pearl, Hercules No 1	\$153 25
John F Corson, H & L Co.	67 00
Total	\$220 25

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 9.— EXPENSES.

Paid A H Hanson, truant officer	\$25 00
" enumerating school children	10 50
Albert Garland, salary as chairman of Board of Education	100 00
A H Wiggin, salary as member of Board of Education	50 00

Nina Vose Greeley, salary as member of	
Board of Education	50 00
A E Putnam, salary as treasurer	35 00
Albert Garland, freight and express on	
books, also postage	17 33
Books and supplies	593 56
Total	<hr/> \$891 39

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.—EXPENSES.

Paid Geo A Davis, salary of town School	
Board	\$125 00
Harry G Bickford, enumerating school	
children	8 00
Books and supplies	52 14
Total	<hr/> \$185 14

DOG DEPREDACTIONS.

Paid Chas H Berry, sheep killed	\$10 00
Laban L Canney	4 00
Wm H Wingate, damage to cow	15 00
Total	<hr/> \$29 00

STATE TAX.

Paid Solon A Carter, treasurer	\$2312 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid Stephen D Wentworth, treasurer	\$3,616 07
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Frank E Edgerly, treasurer, appropriation by law	\$163 20
Frank E Edgerly, treasurer, appropriation by vote of town	100 00
Total	<hr/> \$263 20

 CARLTON POST, G A R.

Paid Lewis F Jones, appropriation 1903 . . \$100 00

FARMINGTON VILLAGE PRECINCT.

Balance due Feb 15, 1904 \$425 00

Appropriation for 1903 1,500 00

Total \$1,925 00

Paid Wm F Thayer, chief engineer 1,425 00

Balance due Feb 15, 1904 \$500 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 9.

Balance Feb 15, 1903 \$3191 10

Apportionment for 1903 4,900 24

Special tax 1,900 00

Total \$9,991 34

Paid A E Putnam, treasurer 7,100 00

Balance due Feb 15, 1904 \$2,891 34

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Balance Feb 15, 1903 \$581 48

Apportionment for 1903 1,535 48

Special tax 200 00

Brooks tax 15 31

Received from state, high school tuition . . 83 17

Total \$2,415 44

Paid Jos L Demeritt, treasurer 1,632 80

Balance due Feb 15, 1904 \$782 64

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Lydia A Grace, note No 391 and interest	\$360 56
Clara E Kimball, note No 392 and interest	103 00
Interest on all outstanding notes to Feb	
15, 1904	234 00
Interest on bonds	2,340 00
Total	<hr/> \$3,037 56

SINKING FUND.

Deposited in Strafford Savings Bank, interest	
on bonds in sinking fund	\$220 00
Mason, Lewis & Co, \$2000 Oklahoma	
County Territory, 4 1-2 per cent bonds	
due in 1924. Above bonds purchased	
of Mason, Lewis & Co, Boston, at 105.-	
23, and interest yielding a net return	
of about 4 1-6 per cent. See item in	
Miscellaneous Expense, Premium and	
Accrued interest on bonds \$109 35 .	2,000 00
Total	<hr/> \$2,220 00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid A H Hanson, 1902 list	\$373 17
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

Appropriation for care of Edgerly Park for	
1903 and mounting cannon on same .	\$50 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Richards & Hayes, bridge plank	\$34 31
C W Jenness, timber and plank	43 28
E T Willson, railing	17 29
Total	<hr/> \$94 88

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Paid H F Howard, concreting	\$657 45
A S Wallace, grading and resetting edge stones	43 25
Total	<hr/> \$700 70

STRAIGHTENING HIGHWAYS.

Paid A S Wallace for straightening highway on Spring street	\$36 50
Warren L Gilman for straightening high- way on Central street	455 12
Total	<hr/> \$491 62

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Festus Hayes, District 1	\$19 90
Andrew J Canney, " 2	132 85
Harry G Bickford, " 3	24 00
Henry C Nutter, " 4	126 85
John F Scruton, " 5	17 35
Leander F Brown, " 6	91 25
Parker D Bennett, " 7	272 90
Geo W Bennett, " 8	61 35
Joseph G Johnson, " 9	99 85
Alphonso Robinson, " 10	141 10
Ivory U Bean, " 11	47 75
H B Pearsons, " 12	98 33
Warren L Gilman, " 13	616 90
Chas E Peabody, " 14 . \$5 85	
John W Averill, " 14 . 27 75	33 60
Chas R Hatch, " 15	93 38
Joel Smart, " 16	15 10

Irving S Curtis,	"	17	76 94
Wm V Ware,	"	20	55 20
A S Wallace,	"	21	640 25
Total			\$2,664 85

BREAKING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Festus Hayes,	District 1	\$15 43
Andrew J Varney,	" 2	60 51
Harry G Bickford,	" 3	66 92
Owen M Varney,	" 4	90 45
Leander F Brown,	" 6	78 82
Parker D Bennett,	" 7	38 61
Geo W Bennett,	" 8	2 10
W H Downing,	" 9	19 19
Alphonso Robinson,	" 10	12 30
Ivory U Bean,	" 11	22 56
H B Pearsons,	" 12	19 69
Warren L Gilman,	" 13	112 61
Chas E Peabody,	" 14	10 05
Chas R Hatch,	" 15	14 93
Joel Smart,	" 16	10 80
Irving S Curtis,	" 17	18 80
Herbert Willey,	" 18 . \$3 00	
Fred A Horne,	" 18 . 4 50	7 50
Henry J Noyes,	" 19 . 4 95	
Fred A Horne,	" 19 . 7 00	11 95
A S Wallace,	" 21	96 60
Total		\$709 82

MONEY RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN

AND FORWARDED TO TOWN TREASURER.

Received for rent of opera house	\$223 00
John Waldron, police court fines	59 00
Solon A Carter, state treasurer, rail-	

road tax	355 74
Solon A Carter, savings bank tax	2,152 85
“ literary fund	240 13
“ high school tuition	83 17
for school books and supplies sold	35 37
for property of John Hurd sold by tax collector for 1901 tax, bought by selectmen for the town and re- deemed by him	18 38
Total	<hr/> \$3,167 64

RECAPITULATION.

Paid miscellaneous	\$2,143 92
Opera house expense	531 89
Police service	294 83
School District 9 expense	891 39
Town School District expense	185 14
Fire department	220 25
	<hr/> \$4,267 42
state tax	2,312 00
county tax	3,616 07
dog depredation	29 00
public library	263 20
Friday Afternoon club	50 00
G A R	100 00
precinct	1,425 00
School District 9	7,100 00
Town School District	1,632 80
notes and interest	3,037 56
sinking fund	2,220 00
abatements in full, 1902 list	373 17

HIGHWAYS.

material and supplies	\$ 94 88
concrete sidewalks	700 70
straightening highways	491 62
repairs on "	2,664 85
breaking highways	709 82
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	\$4,661 87
Total	<hr/>
	\$31,088 09

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and that we have destroyed 234 ten dollar coupons and Notes No. 391 and 392.

EDWARD T. WILLSON, }
CHARLES H. BERRY, } Auditors.

Dated this second day of March, 1904.

REPORT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF FARM- INGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1904.

Cash in treasury Feb 16, 1903 . . . \$6,544 24

Received of—

Alvah Hanson, on 1902 tax list	9,892 47
“ “ 1903 “	16,000 00
selectmen, rent of opera house .	223 00
“ books and supplies sold	35 37
“ police court fines . .	59 00
“ property of John Hurd sold by tax collector for '01 taxes, bought by selectmen for town . and redeemed by him.	18 38
selectmen, money from state treas- urer, railroad tax	355 74
selectmen, money from state treas- urer, savings bank tax	2,152 85
selectmen, money from state treas- urer, literary fund	240 13
selectmen, money from state treas- urer, high school tuition . . .	83 17
N H state license commission .	735 14
Geo I White, dog license . . .	311 80

interest on bonds belonging to sinking fund	220 00
Total	<u>\$36,871 29</u>

CREDIT.

By paid on selectmen's orders . . .	\$31,088 09
Cash in treasury Feb 15, '04 . . .	5,783 20
Total	<u>\$36,871 29</u>

LIABILITIES.

Notes	\$7,800 00
Bonds	56,500 00
Interest on bonds	120 00
Balance due Farmington village pre- cinct	500 00
Balance due school district No 9 . .	2,891 34
“ “ town school district . .	782 64
Total	<u>\$68,593 98</u>

ASSETS.

Due on H S Parker's 1891 tax list .	\$ 4 70
“ “ 1892 “ . . .	138 34
“ “ 1893 “ . . .	511 19
“ A H Hanson's 1903 tax list .	11,338 92
Sinking fund	13,039 02
Cash in treasury	5,783 20
Total	<u>\$30,815 37</u>

Net debt February 15, 1904	\$37,778 61
“ “ 15, 1903	\$37,180 16
Including balance due precincts in '03	425 00
“ “ “ school district No 9 in '03	3,191 10
Including bal due town school district	581 48
Total	\$41,377 74
Decrease in net debt the past year	\$3,599 13
GEORGE L. PERKINS, Town Treasurer.	

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the town of Farmington for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD T. WILLSON,	} Auditors.
CHARLES H. BERRY,	

Dated this second day of March, 1904.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, N. H., for the Year

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child, (If any.)	Sex Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
		Male.	Female.				
Jan 6	Winslow Collins	F	L	5	Ansion J Winslow	Nellie Edwards	Teamster
" 7	Shevencoll	F	L	1	Chas E Shevencoll	Trixie Brodbeck	Lumberman
Feb 1	Hurd	F	L	1	Willie G Hurd	Nellie A Varney	Teamster
" 10	Isabel York	F	L	1	Wells York	Caroline Sims	Laborer
" 28	Cates	M	L	3	Alfred A Cates	Florence G Richards's	Laborer
Mar 1	Leighton	F	L	4	John H Leighton	Annie Perkins	Shoemaker
" 4	Willey	F	L	1	Almon E Willey	Esther U Cilley	Shoemaker
" 29	Oscar R Horne	M	L	1	Fred I Horne	Mary Grimes	Laborer
May 3	Davis	M	L	1	Chas E Davis	Edna A Bunker	Shoemaker
" 9	Cyril W Peavey	M	L	1	Ernest F Peavey	Pansy Wallace	Shoe Cutter
" 15	Josie A Young	F	L	1	Chas T Young	Lizzie Drew	Farmer
June 8	Staples	M	L	5	William M Staples	Elice Acora	Teamster
" 11	French	M	L	3	Alden C French	Laurentine E Rannelle	Farmer
" 12	Scruton	F	L	3	Ireling J Scruton	Lizzie Preston	Physician
" 20	Arthur H Greeley	M	L	2	Philip H Greeley	Nina G Vose	Mechanic
July 3	Edith L. de B.	F	L	4	Fred A Littlefield	Anna F Kimball	Shoemaker
" 8	Varney	M	L	2	Lewis N Varney	Grace F Pinkham	"
" 25	Ricker	F	L	1	Bertold E Ricker	Mattie Kearney	"
" 19	Kimball	F	L	1	Jacob Louges	Battle M Dyer	Laborer
" 20	Mabel Howard	F	L	1	Alphonso E Kimball	Myrtle Glidden	Laborer
Aug 8	Ricker	F	L	6	Hester Howard	Lizzie Miller	Laborer
" 13	Wm. Whitehead	M	L	6	Chas H Ricker	Mary A Cloutman	"
Sept 22	John Cloutman Jr	M	L	1	Nicholas W Whitehead	Maggie Cassidy	Shoe Mfr
Oct 22	Davis	M	L	2	John F Cloutman Jr	Bessie E Wentworth	Shoe Works
Nov 9	Drew	F	L	2	Almon L Davis	Lizzie M Whittey	Box Maker
" 11	Nutter	M	L	3	Charles E Drew	Lilla E Babbs	Shoemaker
" 12	Horne W	M	L	3	Joseph F Nutter	Leona G Lucas	Clerk
" 22	Hartford	F	L	5	John C Hartford	Grace M Hurd	Shoemaker
" 30	Avery	F	L	1	John E Avery	Clara French	Lumberman

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, N. H., for the Year

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years of Groom.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Name of Parents.
Feb 4	Rochester	Lewis F Gilson	Farmington	23	W	Tel'ph Opr'r	Farmington	Franklin Gilson
" 24	Farmington	Lillian M Chesley	"	24	"	Sales Lady	Milton Mills	Clara A Jones
" 24	Farmington	Fred W Browne	"	22	"	Clerk	New Durham	George L Chesley
" 28	"	Jennie B Hayes	"	22	"	Housekeeper	"	Mary A Arndt
Mar 14	"	Philip L Drew	"	38	"	Carpenter	Dayton Me	John B Brown
" 26	"	Helen A Ricker	Alton	21	"	Housekeeper	Alton	Lydia F Davis
" 26	"	William H Curtis	Farmington	31	"	Farmer	Farmington	Nehemiah B Hayes
" 26	"	Bessie J Gilman	"	22	"	Lady	Hallowell Me	Jeremiah Drew
May 16	"	John R Hayes	"	22	"	Mill Operator	Farmington	Mary E Libby
" 20	Alton	Lura S Johnson	"	18	"	Bookkeeper	"	Charles H Ricker
" 20	Alton	Roy S Percival	"	26	"	R R Fireman	"	Emma A Stevens
" 20	Alton	Blanche E Noyes	"	26	"	School Teacher	Ashtland Mass	Martha A Durgin
July 12	Milton	Irving E Horne	"	32	"	Clerk	Farmington	Mary E Libby
" 22	Farmington	Harry G Bickford	"	21	"	Farmer	"	Charles H Ricker
" 22	Farmington	Annie M Kimball	Rochester	21	"	School Teacher	Gonic	Emma A Stevens
" 29	"	Erwin H Brackett	Farmington	24	"	Photographer	New Durham	William H Curtis
" 29	"	Kate M Perkins	"	26	"	Shoe Stitchee	Farmington	Melissa S Pinkham
Aug 22	New Durham	Alvin W Card	"	32	"	Clerk	"	William H Curtis
" 22	New Durham	Florence P Miller	New Durham	23	"	Shoe Stitchee	New Durham	Emma M Bowman
Sept 3	Rochester	Lindsay F Hoyt	Somersworth	28	"	Shoe Salesman	Somersworth	James E Hayes
" 6	Farmington	Maudie D Tweedy	Alton	24	"	Milliner	Taunton Mass	Mary E Penney
" 6	Farmington	John P B Roberts	Farmington	27	"	Clerk	Farmington	Freeman Johnson
" 28	Milton	Luella Tanner	"	17	"	Lady	"	Carrie Churchill
" 28	Milton	Herbert H Thurston	"	23	"	Barber	West Milton	John W Percival
" 28	Milton	Ethel Higgins	Spre'g's Me	17	"	Lady	No Gorham Me	Clyde
Oct 17	Rochester	Frank B McFatire	Lelanon Me	35	"	Rail Roading	Dover	Sadie F Peavey
" 17	Rochester	Grace M Downing	Farmington	20	"	Housekeeper	Farmington	Charles F Noyes
" 17	Farmington	Albert J Otis	"	27	"	Teamster	"	Alice E Nelson
" 17	Farmington	Leora F Horne	"	19	"	Lady	"	Stephen B Horne
Dec 10	Rochester	William V Ware	"	41	"	Farmer	Salem Mass	Clara Twombly
" 10	Rochester	Lizzie J Varney	"	38	"	School Teacher	Farmington	Freeman D Lucas
Dec 23	Farmington	Herman J Pike	"	36	"	Shoemaker	Sandwich	Emma Whitehouse
" 31	"	Amanda E Churchill	"	28	"	Housekeeper	Middleton	Isaac Bickford
" 31	"	John P Davis	"	37	"	Carpenter	Barnstead	John Hatch
" 31	"	Martha E H Akersley	S Berwick Me	31	"	Housekeeper	Kempt N S	John Kimball

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, N. H., for the Year



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Portsmouth Fire Ass'n., Portsmouth, N. H.

Manufacturers & Merchants, Concord, N. H.

New York Underwriters, New York City.

Fireman's Fund of California.

Norwich Union of England.

Granite State of Portsmouth, N. H.

New England Underwriters, Concord, N. H.

Western Assurance, Toronto, Ont.

Continental, New York City.

Phoenix of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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